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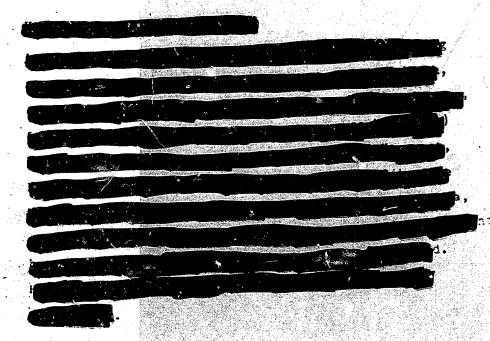
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One U.S. and About One Hundred Vietnamese SUBJECT Prisoners Sighting in Laos on Their Evacuation

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- 1. In early May 1972, saw one U.S. and about 100

 Vietnamese prisoners moving north near the 74th Station of 559th infiltration route in Southern Laos. According to a number of infiltrators of group, these prisoners were evacuated to North Vietnam (NVN). asserted that they were prisoners because their both arms were tied and their left hands were also tied with a long rope tied to keep them walk in a single line.

 Each prisoner carried an empty milk can and a small bamboo basket, which might be used as rice bowl substitutes. They all were dressed in black pyjamas.
- was able to the prisoners, particularly the U.S., for one minute or so when he passed by them. Although none of them appeared to have any wounds, they looked thin and weak.

 was shown the JPRC PW Photo Album, but was not able to make a positive or tentative identification. He said that probably this U.S. prisoner had lost too much weight, that was why he could not identify him.
- 3. Following was the description of the U.S prisoner. He was a caucasian about 1.80 meters tall, about 50 kilos weigh, had thin, short and brown hair, fair complexion and long and straight nose. Said that he looked young, but was not able to estimate his age.

